



Welcome to LaGrange County Highlights

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SUMMARY OF LAGRANGE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Lagrange County's population estimate for 2004 was 36,515 up 4.6 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census 11,749 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 60.2 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 1,729 or 8.9 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 336 persons graduating high school that year, 254 or 75.6 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 3,604 workers or 18.5 percent of the workforce commuted into Lagrange County in 2003. Noble County was sending the most workers into the county. Conversely, 6,175 or 28 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of Lagrange County. Elkhart County received the most workers from Lagrange County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 4.3 percent, below Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 16,820. Of that labor force 16,100 were employed and 720 were unemployed.

For the year 2004 there were 12,370 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing with 47.2 percent of the total industry employment. Trade, transportation and utilities was second at 15.1 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was manufacturing increasing by 317 workers or 5.7 percent above 2001. 15 percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 75.5 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$31,163 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 11.5 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. None of Lagrange County's 11 industry supersectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$40,476 per year, with federal, state, and local government second at \$30,176, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$10,477. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$34,484, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

LAGRANGE COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

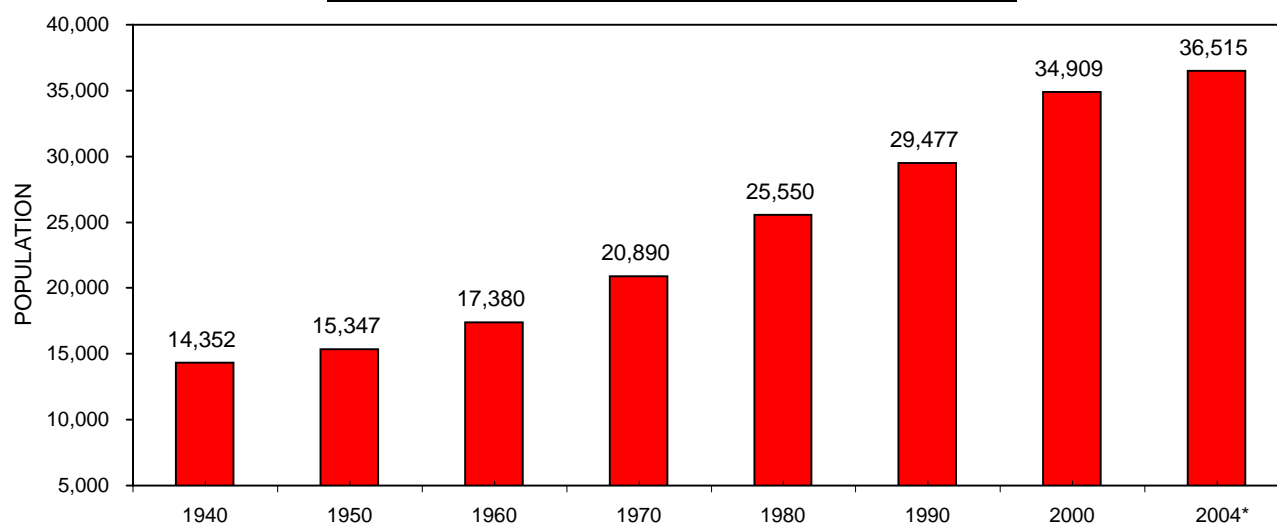
COUNTY & CITIES/TOWNS	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2004 POPULATION ESTIMATES	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
LAGRANGE COUNTY	29,477	34,909	36,515	1,606	4.6%
LAGRANGE	2,382	2,919	2,965	46	1.6%
TOPEKA	912	1,159	1,191	32	2.8%

LAGRANGE COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	14,352	572	4.2%
1950	15,347	995	6.9%
1960	17,380	2,033	13.2%
1970	20,890	3,510	20.2%
1980	25,550	4,660	22.3%
1990	29,477	3,927	15.4%
2000	34,909	5,432	18.4%
2004*	36,515	1,606	4.6%

* population estimate

LAGRANGE COUNTY POPULATION



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940-1990 Census and Stats Indiana 2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimate

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

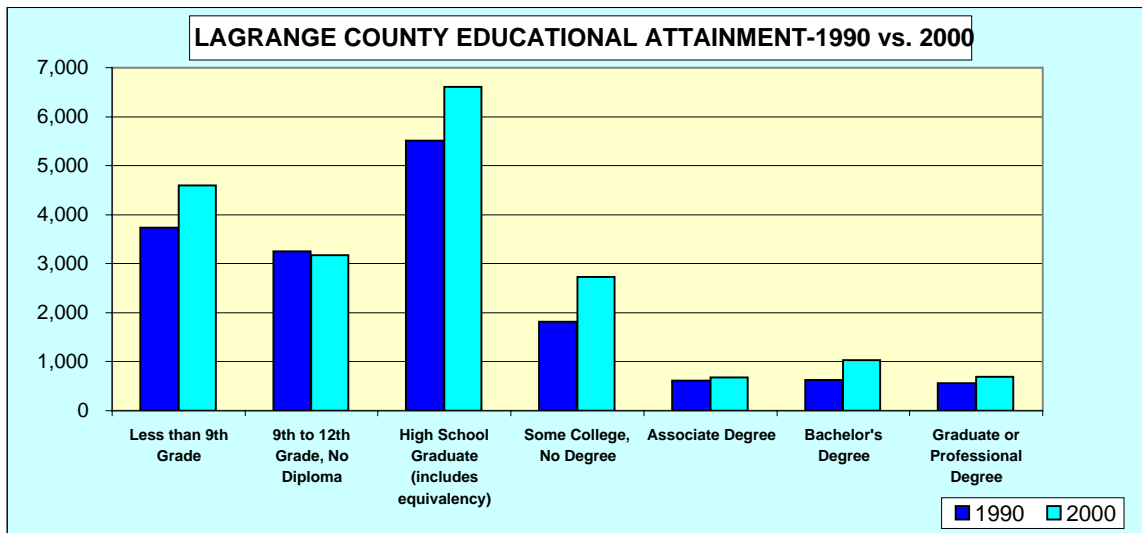
LAGRANGE COUNTY

2004 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	336	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	254	75.6%
Four-Year Institution	185	55.1%
Two-Year Institution	34	10.1%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	35	10.4%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	3,729	23.2%	4,596	23.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,250	20.2%	3,174	16.3%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	5,516	34.3%	6,611	33.9%
Some College, No Degree	1,816	11.3%	2,736	14.0%
Associate Degree	608	3.8%	673	3.4%
Bachelor's Degree	623	3.9%	1,036	5.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	558	3.5%	693	3.6%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	16,100	100%	19,519	100%



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Lagrange County and work (labor force)	22,019
Number of persons who live in Lagrange County and work in Lagrange County	15,844
Number of persons who live out of and work in Lagrange County	3,604
Total number of persons who work in Lagrange County (work force)	19,448

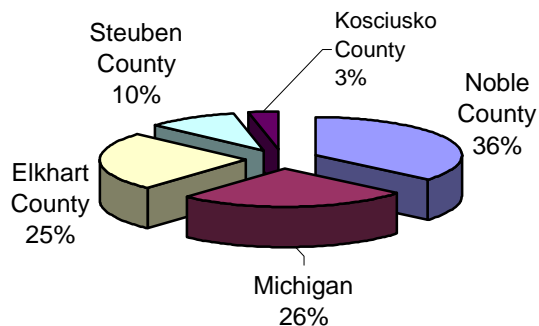
Top five counties sending workers INTO Lagrange County

Noble County	1,140	
Michigan	808	
Elkhart County	786	
Steuben County	323	
Kosciusko County	101	
Total of above	3,158	equals 16.2% of work force

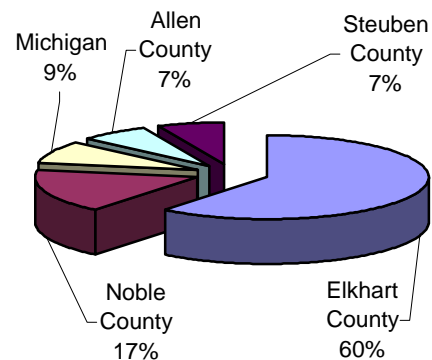
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Lagrange County

Elkhart County	3,388	
Noble County	947	
Michigan	494	
Allen County	385	
Steuben County	368	
Total of Above	5,582	equals 25.4% of labor force

Top five counties sending workers INTO Lagrange County:



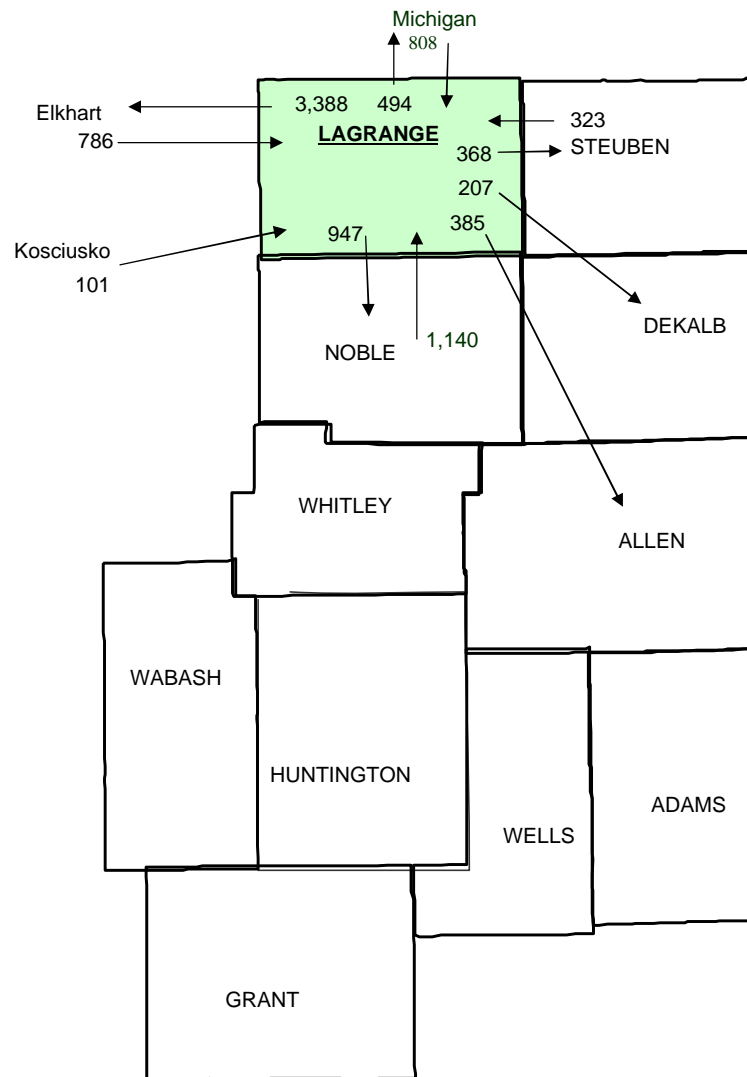
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Lagrange county:



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue -- Based on IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003
 Report generated by STATS Indiana on Jan. 26, 2005

COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

Lagrange County



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 100 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

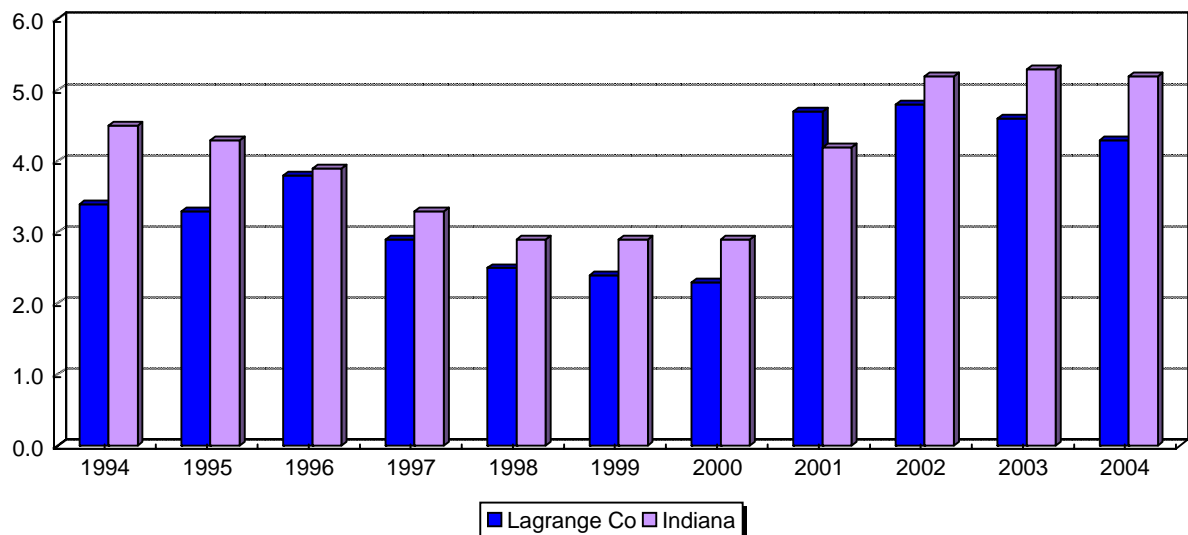
LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

LAGRANGE COUNTY LABOR FORCE (1994-2004)

	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Lagrange Co RATE	Indiana RATE
1994	16,460	15,900	560	3.4	4.5
1995	18,860	18,240	620	3.3	4.3
1996	17,190	16,530	660	3.8	3.9
1997	17,170	16,680	490	2.9	3.3
1998	17,430	16,990	440	2.5	2.9
1999	17,690	17,260	430	2.4	2.9
2000	16,980	16,590	390	2.3	2.9
2001	16,550	15,760	790	4.7	4.2
2002	16,500	15,710	790	4.8	5.2
2003	16,490	15,740	750	4.6	5.3
2004	16,820	16,100	720	4.3	5.2

AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Lagrange County vs. Indiana 1994-2004



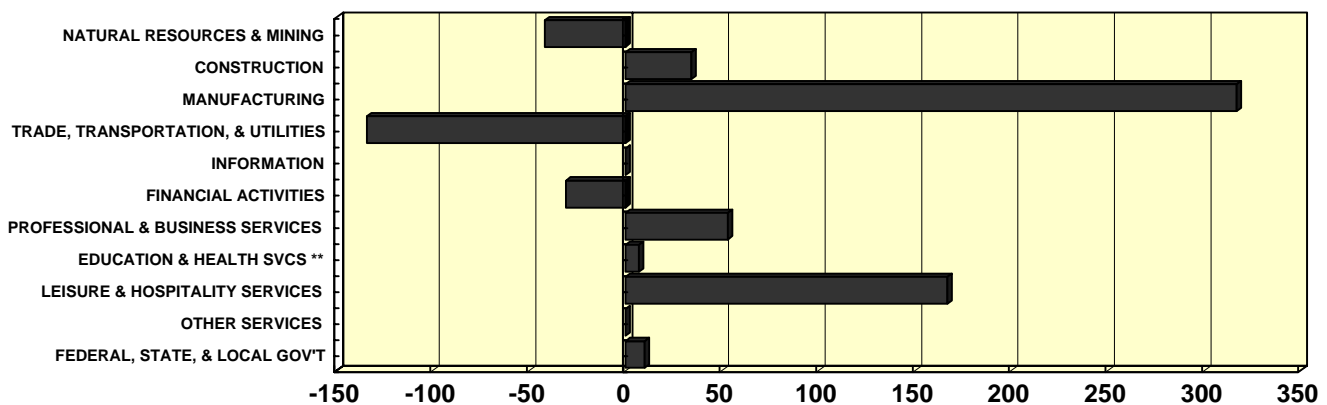
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Reflects new modeling approach and reestimation as of March 2005.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

LAGRANGE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	730	12,011	12,162	12,136	12,370	359	3.0%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	16	406	414	416	364	-42	-10.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting		<i>confidential</i>					
Mining		<i>confidential</i>					
CONSTRUCTION	100	407	405	424	441	34	8.4%
MANUFACTURING	112	5,523	5,666	5,689	5,840	317	5.7%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	201	2,004	1,926	1,872	1,870	-134	-6.7%
Wholesale Trade	37	529	547	529	517	-12	-2.3%
Retail Trade	138	1,346	1,270	1,225	1,207	-139	-10.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	22	102	81	92	118	16	15.7%
Utilities	3	27	28	26	28	1	3.7%
INFORMATION		<i>confidential</i>					
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	44	295	286	266	264	-31	-10.5%
Finance & Insurance	26	229	230	230	228	-1	-0.4%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	18	67	55	36	36	-31	-46.3%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	56	239	240	266	292	53	22.2%
Professional & Technical Services	37	155	145	152	154	-1	-0.6%
Management of Companies & Enterprises		<i>confidential</i>					
Administrative & Waste Services		<i>confidential</i>					
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	47	1,638	1,637	1,604	1,645	7	0.4%
Educational Services **	18	1,033	1,046	1,018	1,026	-7	-0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	30	605	591	587	619	14	2.3%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	63	757	841	885	924	167	22.1%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	8	27	20	15	25	-2	-7.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	56	730	821	869	899	169	23.2%
OTHER SERVICES	60	238	227	218	238	0	0.0%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	46	1,401	1,447	1,401	1,411	10	0.7%

Change in LaGrange County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

Confidential = Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

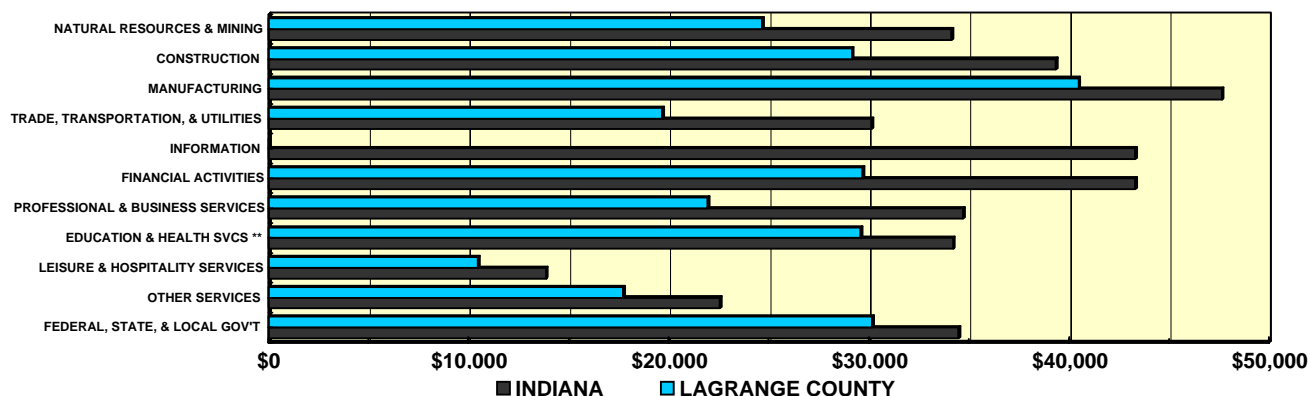
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

LAGRANGE COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	LAGRANGE COUNTY						2004	
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004 DOLLARS	PERCENT	INDIANA 2004 WAGES	LAGRANGE % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$27,954	\$29,331	\$29,966	\$31,163	\$3,209	11.5%	\$34,693	-11.3%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$26,768	\$26,002	\$24,999	\$24,651	-\$2,117	-7.9%	\$34,117	-38.4%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	<i>Confidential</i>						\$25,490	
Mining							\$49,836	
CONSTRUCTION	\$28,492	\$29,882	\$28,775	\$29,157	\$665	2.3%	\$39,343	-34.9%
MANUFACTURING	\$35,654	\$37,782	\$38,413	\$40,476	\$4,822	13.5%	\$47,638	-17.7%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$18,116	\$18,442	\$18,893	\$19,672	\$1,556	8.6%	\$30,126	-53.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$18,441	\$18,287	\$19,424	\$19,521	\$1,080	5.9%	\$46,107	-136.2%
Retail Trade	\$16,861	\$17,359	\$17,589	\$18,476	\$1,615	9.6%	\$21,445	-16.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$27,744	\$29,448	\$26,212	\$26,775	-\$969	-3.5%	\$35,135	-31.2%
Utilities	\$37,837	\$38,714	\$43,594	\$43,966	\$6,129	16.2%	\$62,844	-42.9%
INFORMATION	<i>Confidential</i>						\$43,315	
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$22,989	\$25,122	\$27,393	\$29,694	\$6,705	29.2%	\$43,304	-45.8%
Finance & Insurance	\$26,193	\$28,368	\$29,473	\$31,567	\$5,374	20.5%	\$48,404	-53.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$11,996	\$11,562	\$14,262	\$17,656	\$5,660	47.2%	\$28,852	-63.4%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$20,892	\$22,057	\$22,356	\$21,938	\$1,046	5.0%	\$34,701	-58.2%
Professional & Technical Services	\$20,574	\$22,326	\$23,092	\$23,203	\$2,629	12.8%	\$45,324	-95.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	<i>Confidential</i>						\$66,811	
Administrative & Waste Services							\$22,727	
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$27,031	\$28,010	\$29,680	\$29,597	\$2,566	9.5%	\$34,206	-15.6%
Educational Services **	\$29,180	\$29,661	\$31,382	\$30,838	\$1,658	5.7%	\$33,107	-7.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$23,362	\$25,087	\$26,727	\$27,542	\$4,180	17.9%	\$34,965	-27.0%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$10,040	\$10,217	\$10,139	\$10,477	\$437	4.4%	\$13,875	-32.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$11,759	\$11,374	\$12,736	\$10,498	-\$1,261	-10.7%	\$25,802	-145.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$9,976	\$10,189	\$10,094	\$10,477	\$501	5.0%	\$11,574	-10.5%
OTHER SERVICES	\$14,223	\$16,122	\$18,031	\$17,719	\$3,496	24.6%	\$22,543	-27.2%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$28,484	\$28,751	\$30,364	\$30,176	\$1,692	5.9%	\$34,484	-14.3%

LaGrange County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings Comparison



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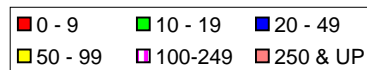
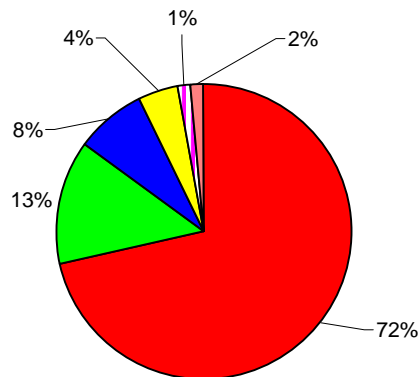
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

LAGRANGE COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

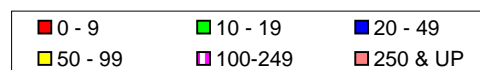
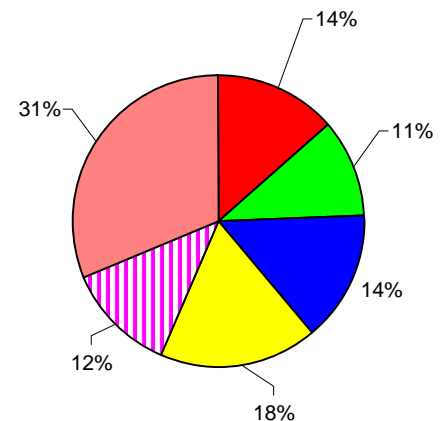
UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2004
0 - 9	519	1,634
10 - 19	98	1,335
20 - 49	57	1,724
50 - 99	31	2,118
100-249	10	1,477
250 & UP	11	3,813
TOTAL	726	12,101

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

**BUSINESS UNITS by SIZE
1st Quarter 2004**



**EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE
March 2004**



SOURCE: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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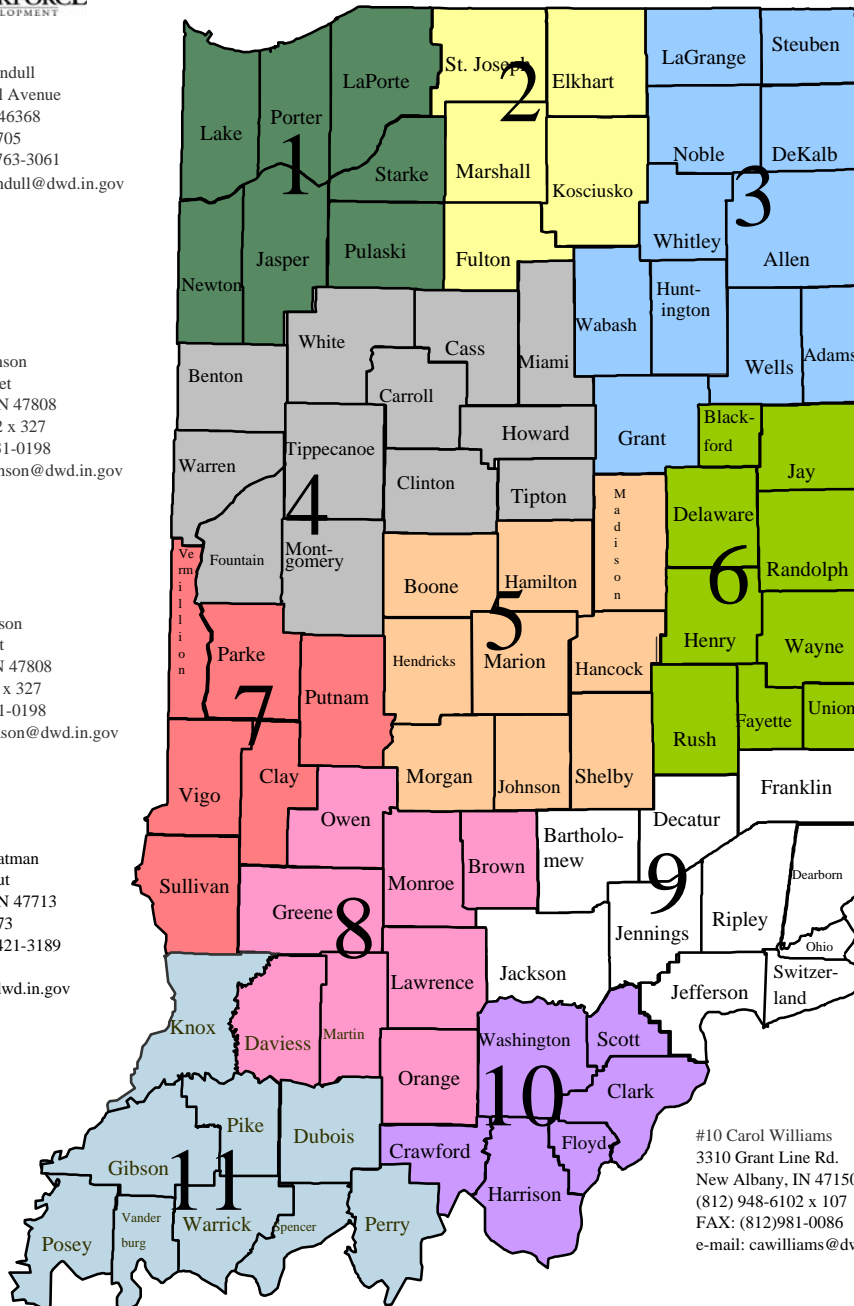
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